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Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

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Comprehensive implementation of the outcome of and follow-up to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/111 of 12 December 1997, in which it decided to convene the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and all other resolutions on this matter,

Welcoming the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action[1] adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held at Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 8 September 2001,

Convinced that the World Conference made an important contribution to the cause of the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and that its results have to be fully implemented without delay through effective action,

Stressing the need for maintaining the political will and momentum displayed during the Conference and its preparatory processes in order to translate the Durban commitments into concrete actions, at the national, regional and international levels,

Recalling the importance of enhancing international cooperation to promote the achievement of the objectives of the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance for the implementation of the recommendations made in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Bearing in mind the need for the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights and other relevant organs and bodies of

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See A/CONF.189/12, chap. I.

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the United Nations system, to consider ways and means for the full implementation, without delay, of the recommendations contained in the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

Emphasizing that the lack of adequate funding is a serious impediment to the realization of these objectives,

Expressing its gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of South Africa for hosting the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, for the excellent arrangements, for the hospitality extended to all participants and its vital leadership during the whole process of the Conference,

Expressing also its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Conference and the members of the Secretariat for their endeavours in the preparation for and servicing of the Conference,

Appreciating the active participation of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and youth, in the preparatory process and during the Conference, and encouraging its involvement in the implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action,

1. *Takes note* of the reports on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the report submitted by the Secretary-General of the Conference in this regard;

2. *Endorses* the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted on 8 September 2001 by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance;

3. *Expresses* its satisfaction with the outcome of the Conference, which constitutes a solid foundation for further action and initiatives;

4. *Reaffirms* the Conference's commitment to a global drive for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

5. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action will require adequate resources and funding at the national, regional and international levels, including in the regular budget of the United Nations, and that additional financial resources are needed, in particular in Africa;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, to ensure the distribution of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action among the competent organs and bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and as widely as possible and to include the text of the Declaration and the Programme of Action in the next edition of *Human Rights: A compilation of International Instruments*;

7. *Calls upon* all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to become involved in the follow-up to the Conference and invites specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen and adjust the activities, programmes and medium-term strategies to take into full account the follow-up to the Conference;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights and other organs and bodies of the United Nations

system related to human rights to take further action with a view to the full implementation of all recommendations of the Conference, and to reflect progress in this regard in their annual reports;

9. *Also requests* all human rights treaty monitoring bodies and all mechanisms and subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Human Rights to take fully into account the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action in the discharge of their respective mandates;

10. *Calls upon* all States to give widespread publicity to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, in order to increase, strengthen and enhance the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

11. *Urges* States to establish and implement without delay national policies and action plans to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, including their gender-based manifestations;

12. *Calls upon* all States to formulate and implement without delay at the national, regional and international levels policies and plans of action to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

13. *Supports* the decision by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to establish an anti-discrimination unit to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and to promote equality and non-discrimination and invites her Office to consider a victim-driven orientation and approach in its staffing and methods of work in follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, to appoint five independent eminent experts, one from each region, from among candidates proposed by the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, after consultation with the regional groups, to follow the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration and Programme of Action;

15. *Also requests* the High Commissioner for Human Rights to cooperate with those five independent eminent experts and to report annually to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights, on the implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, taking into account information and views provided by States, relevant human rights treaty bodies, special procedures and other mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations, international, regional and non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions;

16. *Recognizes* the critical importance of placing the outcome of the Durban Conference on an equal footing with previous United Nations world conferences that have addressed essential social and human rights issues, such as the outcomes of the World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna in 1993, the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen in 1995, and the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995, all of which had five-year reviews;

17. *Decides* to hold a special session of the General Assembly in the year 2006 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the Conference and to consider further actions and initiatives;

18. *Decides also* to include in the agenda of its forthcoming sessions, under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", a sub-item entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action".